

## HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

## WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters will be ignored.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Will you kindly tell me what days in the week the Engineer Band plays in Judiciary Park?  
K. R. A.

There will be a concert in Judiciary Park on the following dates throughout the summer: Thursday, July 12, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Tuesday, July 17, Engineer Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, August 2, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Friday, August 10, Engineer Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, August 16, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, August 23, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, August 30, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, September 6, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, September 13, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, September 20, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, September 27, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.; Thursday, September 27, Cavalry Band, 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Please publish in your columns full directions for making blackberry jam and current jelly.

A HOUSEKEEPER.

1. Blackberry Jam.—Pick over and wash the berries, and allow equal weight of fruit and sugar. Put the berries into a preserving kettle, mash them as they heat, and when considerable juice has been drawn out, add the sugar gradually. Let them boil up all over, and then either skim or turn the jam into a strainer. Set the juice on to boil again, and cook until it is thick or will "jelly." Put the fruit back and let it boil once, and seal up in small jars.

If the fruit be very juicy, drain off half the syrup, strain out the seeds and cook until it jellies. Then put in glasses. Do this before adding the fruit to the last. Do a still better plan is to dip out superfluous juice before the sugar goes in. Add pound for pint and make jelly of it.

2. Currant Jelly.—Wash the fruit, put it over the fire in an agate-lined kettle, and let it heat very, very slowly. When the fruit is hot and broken, remove from the fire and squeeze it through a jelly-bag. Measure the juice and allow a pound of granulated sugar to each pint of the liquid. Return the juice to the fire and set the sugar in shallow pans in the oven to heat. When the juice has boiled two hours, add the sugar, stir until the sugar is dissolved, bring to the boiling point, and take from the fire. Fill your jelly glasses while they stand in a pan of hot water.

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1. Please tell me what will make my hair thick and long? I'm only twenty-three years old and most of my hair has fallen out.

2. How can one use a small rubber brush? I use mine after washing and it irritates my skin.

3. My feet are very tender. I can't walk much and shoes are annoying to me. What can I do?

4. Can you suggest something for light breakfasts these warm days?

5. Are corn files good for hard and soft corns?

6. My husband is an incessant smoker. How can I get him to realize the harm it does him?

7. His parents are not agreeable to me, and my visits to his home are never enjoyed, though we go often. His mother is fastidious, and thinks she is a better person than I am. I have an even disposition, but can't always stand this. Please help me.

8. Can you tell me a simple way to make corn bread? Many thanks.  
MRS. H. C.

1. A good formula for dry falling hair is as follows: Cologne, 8 ounces; tincture of cantharides, 1 ounce; oil of English lavender, oil of rosemary, ½ dram each.

Apply to the roots of the hair once or twice a day. It is positively necessary that the scalp should be kept clean. Shampoo at least once a week.

2. Possibly you rub too hard. Try rubbing your flesh gently with it.

3. If you will send me an addressed stamped envelope I will tell you of something that will undoubtedly relieve your suffering.

4. A light breakfast very suitable for this warm weather might consist of some fresh fruit, stewed or raw, a light cereal, tea, coffee, poached eggs on toast, or boiled eggs and buttered toast, and a little lettuce, water cress or tomatoes, either fried or raw. If the family food is too light, light biscuits or muffins might be substituted.

5. I do not recommend the use of corn files at all, either for hard or soft corns. I am a physician, and experience is about the best teacher for a lesson of this sort.

6. Make the best of it. It won't hurt you to suffer a few petty indignities for the sake of peace in the family. I know it is hard, but even though they are a little more to you they are his people and dear to him. He will appreciate your attitude if you take this stand.

7. Corn Bread.—Stir two cups of corn meal twice with an even teaspoonful of soda and as much salt. Beat two eggs very light. Mix one teaspoonful of sugar in three cups of buttermilk or lopped milk, add the eggs and a tablespoonful of melted butter, lastly, the prepared flour. Bake in three well-oiled, greased deep jellycake tins (warmed), divide the batter between them and bake in a quick oven. Eat hot.

Saving

Do your saving at the beginning of the week, you who live upon allowances, or what is the same, so far as this counts, upon a salary.

The extra expenses which often come upon you unexpectedly in the latter part of the week may be easily met if you've been husbanding your resources a little, instead of spending up to the last cent.

A good plan is to allow yourself so much for little expenses for a given length of time, and then to keep within daily bounds, saving even a bit from that, if possible. Then, if it is not called upon by some little emergency, either put it away or use it toward some definite purpose, such as subscribing to a good magazine, getting a good book, or saving a good play bill of which should be considered as mental investment.

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## INFORMATION WANTED.

The girl with well developed sporting instincts has some very fixed ideas about her sporting wardrobe. She will appear on the golf links or tennis court in skirt and shirt waist of any material so long as the skirt is comfortably short and the waist comfortably large, but she stoutly refuses to go a-yachting unless she possesses a conventional yachting costume of serge or mohair. White or blue are the accepted colors for material with trimmings of white, red or blue, and mayhap a touch of gold. The white mohair of this model is of a fine English weave. The skirt is a plaited model with hip-yoke extending to the edges of the front panel. A suggestion of the popular suspender waist in lingerie confection which give a blouse effect, both back and front, the double-breasted fronts buttoning with tiny brass buttons in double clusters of three. On the shield is an anchor embroidered in gold threads and a touch of dashing color is seen in the red four-in-hand tie and the red leather belt. The hat is a jaunty white chip sailor, banded with red ribbon through which is thrust at the left side a long, slender white quill.

## COSTUME FOR THE YACHTING GIRL.

## SIDE DISHES THAT WHET THE APPETITE

A Cooling Vegetable That Stimulates the Appetite and Chills the Mouth Without Impairing the Digestion.

The delight of a summer meal is a cooling vegetable. It stimulates the appetite, gives zest to the warm food and chills the mouth without later impairing indigestion, as is so often the case with frozen fare. Served alone or in combination with cold vegetables, aspic, too, has the same refreshing effect, while sauces made with a green vegetable add just the piquant flavor that pleases when the weather is hot.

The following meat sauces, both seasoned with cucumber, are particularly appetizing:

No. 1.—Remove the peel from a small cucumber. Cut it into moderately thin slices and then into small squares. Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a small saucepan, put in the cut cucumber and sauté in sufficient water to cover. Season with salt, pepper and a dusting of sugar. Place a buttered paper over the top and allow it to simmer until it is tender. Prepare some drawn butter by melting half a cup of butter over a slow fire. Then sprinkle in a tablespoonful of flour and add a half a cup of scalded milk and a pinch of salt. Boil for a few minutes, stirring well, and then put in one teaspoonful of cold water.

Sauce No. 2.—Put the yolks of two raw eggs into a basin and mix them together. Add a seasoning of salt, pepper, and a few drops of salad oil, and whisk all together thoroughly. Now add more oil drop by drop, whisking all the time, and continue to blend the oil with the eggs in the same way until the mixture is of about the consistency of mayonnaise. As soon as this result is obtained, pour in slowly a dessertspoonful of vinegar, or a teaspoonful of ordinary vinegar, and a dessertspoonful of cucumber vinegar. Add a few drops more of vinegar if necessary. Lastly stir in two tablespoonfuls of cooked cucumber cut into small dice-shaped pieces, and place the sauce on ice until it is required.

Of Tomatoes and Water Cress.—Remove the peel from some ripe tomatoes and cut them into slices. Do the same with two large, sweet oranges, being careful to take away all the white skin and the ribs. Divide the slices of the latter into wedge-shaped pieces (not too small). Make a dressing with three tablespoonfuls of orange juice. After mixing the ingredients thoroughly, season with salt and sugar. Dip the slices of orange and pieces of tomato into the dressing, and arrange them around a salad bowl. Dip some fresh water cress into the remainder of the dressing. Fill up the middle of the bowl with it, and pour over all the remaining dressing.

Potatoes and Tomatoes.—Pass the yolk of three hard-boiled eggs through a sieve into a basin. Season with celery salt, pepper, a dust of curry powder, and a little sugar. Add two tablespoonfuls of salad oil, working it into the yolks by degrees with a wooden spoon.

As soon as a perfectly smooth paste is formed, pour in a dessertspoonful of vinegar, and a teaspoonful of white wine vinegar if handy. When the ingredients are thoroughly mixed add very gradually three tablespoonfuls of cream and a small quantity of chopped parsley. Remove the skin from cold boiled po-

tatoes and cut them into moderately thick slices. Cut some peeled tomatoes in a similar manner. Cover the potatoes with the dressing, and arrange them in a salad bowl. Finally place the pieces of tomato among them.

Salmon Aspic.—Line a china mold with aspic jelly. When the latter is firm cover it with flakes of cooked salmon, dipping each separately into cold liquid aspic to make it adhere. Have ready some cooked mixed vegetables which have been left over—cucumbers, asparagus, carrots, potatoes, etc. Cut them into small pieces and dress with mayonnaise sauce. Fill up the mold with them and cover with more aspic jelly.

Queen's Aspic.—Put three-quarters of a pint of aspic jelly into a basin and add three tablespoonfuls of tomato catsup and a quarter of a pint of stiff mayonnaise sauce. Allow this mixture to set in a round mold. Slice some tomatoes, and about half the quantity of sliced cold potatoes which have been previously boiled. Dress with oil and vinegar and arrange around the cold aspic.

## Linen Jackets Smart Now

It is to be noticed that the great elaboration in dress is really disappearing, and while perfection of detail as well as effect is still sought, still from now on one will perceive more simplicity of outline with fewer fine medallions and incrustations. Few elaborate embroidery save on the handsomest costumes, which are designed for the most formal occasions. In every outfit, therefore, among the simpler frocks there must be two or three of more elaborate design. Then, too, summer gowns can stand an immense amount of lace trimming without looking at all fussy.

Silk and silk dresses are worn so constantly during the year that in mid-summer it is a mistake not to wear the pretty organdie and mousseline frocks, which can be made every bit as effective as those of heavier material.

A pretty gown is of white organdie trimmed most simply with Valenciennes insertions. A deep yoke of tucked organdie is elaborately inset with lace. The sleeves are particularly pretty with their high cuffs and full lace ruffings covering the elbow. The material is laid in narrow tucks over the waist and hips, and a girle effect formed with bands of lace insertions. The same effect is seen on the skirt, a full flounce being added below top row of insertions.

Another gown of pale yellow batiste is trimmed elaborately with Valenciennes. The material of the skirt is cut out under the lace and finished with three deep lace flounces. Each strip of lace terminated in a lace medallion. The waist is formed almost entirely of lace and, in fact, this could not come correctly under any other heading than of lace gowns. The gumples and sleeves are batiste with entre-deux of Valenciennes. These lace dresses are beautiful but naturally very expensive. This same model could very well be made up in linen without such a quantity of lace.

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## FOR THE SUMMER HOPS.

To be strictly up-to-date, there must be included in one's summer wardrobe at least one gray dress. There is surprising diversity in the gray shades. The gamut runs all the way from such deep tones as smoke to the faintest of pearly shades, but some of the grays are faintly dashed with pink, some with lavender, some with cream, and the result is an almost indefinite number of nuances all lovely and all modish. The cream grays are the least trying and the most indulgent to a complexion not beyond reproach, and the woman who must have her gray gown, but was not designed by a beneficent Providence for the wearing of difficult colors, should look well to it that the gray chosen for her has the creamy tone.

The above cut shows a model in creamy gray chiffon voile. Two ruffles on the skirt are bordered top and bottom with Valenciennes insertion. The low cut bodice is profusely trimmed with bands of lace insertion and the sleeves are formed entirely of lace ruffles. A deep girle of self tone messaline makes the waist finish.

## Lavender Pillows

Since those extra little pillows have become so frequently met with as a part of bed furnishings, pine and lavender pillows have both become more popular.

Both of them, when made for a bed, are incased in strong muslin covers, over which the pretty little white slip is drawn.

For couches, of course, darker and more serviceable materials are used, often for pine pillows a deep yellow, embroidered in a simple outline stitch, in brown or deep bronze greens. For lavender a light lavender, embroidered in a darker shade, or one of the pretty white cretonnes, covered with blossoms and stripes of lavender, makes an attractive covering.

If you are going away, and can squeeze just one more thing into your trunk, tuck one of the regular baby pillows in. The pillows where you are staying may be stuffy or hard, and that little pillow is just the thing for a hammock or for the nap that you take in the old orchard, stretched out upon rug or steamer blanket.

And, by the way, if there is boating where you are going, take a couple of gay pillows to take with you. They are so stuffy with a good drenching only makes you unbitten them and refill them with fresh, sweet hay.

## Perpetual Youth

Every woman desires to retain as long as may be her youthfulness of face, form, and movement, yet the true secret of such enduring youth is by no means universally recognized. A woman is happy just in proportion as she is content.

The sun has a way of changing the spots upon which it shines. Especially is this true of our land, where one is up today and down tomorrow, and vice versa. The wisest woman is she who trusts in a tomorrow, but never looks for it. To sit down and wish that this might be, that that would be different, does a woman no good. It does her harm, in that it makes her dissatisfied with herself, unpleasant to her friends, and makes her old before her time.

Happiness is not always increased in proportion to large success. This may sound like an old saw, and so it is, but there is a world of wisdom in many an old proverb just the same. Contentment is a wonderful thing to cultivate. There would be fewer prematurely old women, says Woman's Life, in the world if it were given more of a cheerful and contented attitude to womenhood.

## Women and Change

I think there is no doubt, whatever the trend of modern life may argue to the contrary, that women are still conservative in their ways and tastes, and have a liking that is almost felicitous for at least one corner of their environment to remain unchanged. In their private surroundings, at all events, few women care for change, and to the majority a chair or table placed in a different part of the room will prove a cause of irritation wholly out of proportion to the cause, says Woman's Life. Women may motor, play bridge, waltz through the small hours, and weary themselves almost to death by endeavoring to do several things at once in order to keep "in the swim," but it is always a joy to them to know that in their own sanctuaries they will find things just as they left them, untouched by the ever-increasing whirl of events which make up the life of modern women.

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